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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

1. Following up the conversation that you had with Mr. McCone on 6 July, he asked our Chief of Station in Saigon for an overall analysis of the situation in South Vietnam, with specific emphasis on the Strategic Hamlet Program, the Montagnard situation, and capabilities of the Armed Forces.
2. Attached herewith is a copy of report from our Chief of Station. Copies have also been furnished to Secretary Gilpatric, General Lemnitner, General Taylor, Mr. Alexis Johnson, and Mr. Sterling Cottrell, of the SEA Task Force.

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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Attached hereto is a Special Report prepared at the request of CIA Headquarters by the Chief of CIA Station, Saigon. Three major topics are dealt with: the Strategic Hamlet Program, the Montagnard situation, and a discussion of capabilities of the Armed Forces in South Vietnam.

Copies have been furnished the following:

Secretary McNamara
Secretary Gilpatric
General Lemnitzer
General Taylor
Assistant Secretary Alexis Johnson
Mr. Cottrell, SEA Task Force

/s/

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA

Copy, with attachment, handcarried 13 July, to each individual listed above with exception of Secretary McNamara - who was fwd attachment under separate memo, cy attached.

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